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5. (Original) The thermal device of claim 1, wherein said enclosure is generally rectangular.

6. (Currently Amended) A thermal device for applying thermal energy to the body of a person, animal or other surface, comprising a thermal filler including degermed corn disposed substantially in individual kernel form to have a moisture content within approximately 8% - 15%, said moisture content facilitating reheating of said degermed corn, said degermed corn configured to accept thermal energy.

7 - 11. (Cancelled).

12. (Currently Amended) A thermal device for applying thermal energy to the body of a person, animal or other surface, comprising:

degermed corn disposed substantially in individual kernel form to have a moisture content within approximately 8% - 15%, said moisture content facilitating reheating of said degermed corn; and

a receptacle configured to enclose a plurality of said degermed corn kernels, said degermed corn kernels being displaceable one relative to the other within said receptacle.